

Child and Adolescent Service Intensity Instrument (CASII) Frequently Asked Questions



The Arizona Department of Health Services/Division of Behavioral Health Services (ADHS/DBHS) has embarked on several transformation initiatives to improve the behavioral health service delivery system for children and adolescents in Arizona. A recent initiative includes the assignment of case managers in a consistent manner statewide for children and youth with complex needs. In order to identify which children/adolescents may need a case manager, the Division has adopted the Child and Adolescent Service Intensity Instrument (CASII) which was developed and tested by the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP).

The Division also developed the [CASII Practice Protocol](#), a clinical guidance document which outlines service expectations for behavioral health service providers when administering and using this tool with TXIX and TXXI eligible children and adolescents ages 6 through 17. In addition to providing guidance for assignment of case managers, the CASII also assists Child and Family Teams (CFTs) with considering available resources and service options based on the child's identified level of service intensity. The Division does not support the use of this tool for identifying specific levels of care, types of services or particular service models.

ADHS/DBHS has provided training statewide on the use of the CASII partnering with Robert Klaehn, M.D., an Arizona child and adolescent psychiatrist who participated in the AACAP work group in developing the tool and training manual. Providers who participated in a two-day training containing a "teach back" method became certified as "master trainers." These "master trainers" can now train other providers on the administration of the CASII, as well as train new trainers. The CASII itself is completed by a trained and certified behavioral health service provider in collaboration with the child/adolescent, his/her family and other members of the Child and Family Team.

The Bureau of Clinical and Recovery Services within ADHS/DBHS has compiled responses to [Frequently Asked Questions](#) to assist behavioral health service providers with the implementation process of the CASII. Full implementation of the CASII statewide is required by **July 1, 2008**, when electronic data collection of CASII scores is anticipated to become available.

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